

AAP releases 2021 child, adolescent immunization schedule

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(HealthDay)—The recommended childhood and adolescent

immunization schedule has been updated for 2021, according to a policy statement published online Feb. 12 in *Pediatrics*.

Yvonne A Maldonado, M.D., from the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, and colleagues updated the 2021 childhood and adolescent immunization schedule, highlighting changes made to the schedule.

According to the [policy statement](#), changes to individual footnotes have been made for the 2021 schedule. For influenza vaccines, language has been updated for [use of vaccines](#) in persons with an [egg allergy](#) with symptoms other than hives; vaccines other than Flublok or Flucelvax should be administered in a medical setting under supervision by a provider who can recognize and manage severe allergic reactions. Information about use of antiviral medications and administration of quadrivalent live attenuated [influenza vaccine](#) (LAIV4) use has been updated. LAIV4 should not be used for children younger than 2 years. Meningococcal groups A, C, W, and Y polysaccharide tetanus toxoid conjugate vaccine has been added as an option for preventing disease attributed to meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, and Y. Language has been updated for catch-up vaccination for infants who received one dose of meningococcal groups A, C, W, and Y oligosaccharide diphtheria CRM₁₉₇ conjugate vaccine at age 3 to 6 months.

"Pediatricians want to see your children, and have made accommodations to keep families safe," Lee Savio Beers, M.D., president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said in a statement. "As schools and communities open back up, children will need the protection that vaccinations give them."

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